

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 12, 2/13/2015; SB 306, 2/13/2015; SB 351, 2/13/2015; SB 358, 2/13/2015; SB 381, 2/13/2015

Executive Action: SR 12, SB 258, SB 346, SB 347, SB 306, SB 351, SB 254, SB 162, SB 310, SB 381

HEARING ON SB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 358. Revise Long Term Care and Medicare Supplement Rating Laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:24 Rita Charles, volunteer advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:11:06 Jessie Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:37 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

00:19:33 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI); American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC)

EXHIBIT(bus41a01)

00:27:07 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:49 Sen. Facey

00:30:06 Ms. Lenmark, ACLI

00:30:14 Sen. Facey

00:30:30 Sen. Hoven

00:31:23 Sen. Facey

00:31:40 Mr. Laslovich, CSI

00:32:09 Chairman Buttrey

00:32:32 Mr. Spencer, AHIP

00:32:43 Chairman Buttrey

00:33:19 Sen. Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:34 Sen. Hoven

00:35:01 Chairman Buttrey

00:36:05 Recess

00:37:33 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:35 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 351. Prohibit compulsive union membership for a person under age 18.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:02 Chris Cavazos, Montana American Federation of Labor-Confederated Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

00:41:29 J. D. Lynch, Teamsters Local #2; Montana State Building and Construction Trades

00:43:26 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

00:44:44 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:18 Sen. Brown

00:45:52 Mr. Cavazos, AFL-CIO

00:46:33 Sen. Brown

00:47:31 Sen. Blasdel

00:48:10 Sen. Connell

00:49:47 Mr. Cavazos

00:50:02 Sen. Facey

00:50:30 Mr. Cavazos

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:12 Sen. Blasdel

00:53:16 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 306

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:42 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 306. Generally revise laws on notarial acts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:59 Karen Powell, Uniform Law Commission (ULC)

EXHIBIT(bus41a02)

00:59:51 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association
01:01:34 Bruce Knudsen, Auto Dealers Association
01:02:09 Lori Hamm, notary program specialist, speaking on behalf of Linda McCulloch,
office of Secretary of State (SOS)
01:05:40 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions
01:06:46 William Gowan, Montana Land Title Association
01:08:29 Sabrina Hallsten, member, Montana Legal Assistants, self
01:09:20 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:49 Sen. Brown
01:10:31 Ms. Powell, ULC
01:11:43 Sen. Brown
01:16:55 Ms. Hamm, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:13 Sen. Arntzen
01:17:53 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:18 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 381. Generally revise insurance laws for transportation network companies.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:45 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association; Allstate Insurance Company
01:26:44 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance
01:29:17 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
01:30:47 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:19 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies
[EXHIBIT\(bus41a03\)](#)
01:41:12 Jim Brown, Montana Authority Holder's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:10 Sen. Facey

01:46:49 Chairman Buttrey

01:47:03 Vice Chair Arntzen assumed the role of chair.

HEARING ON SR 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:46:59 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 12. Confirm Governor's appointees to the board of housing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:15 Robert Gauthier, appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:50:26 Bruce Brensdal, executive director, Board of Housing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:58 Sen. Brown

01:51:21 Vice Chair Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:32 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 12

01:52:04 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 12 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:52:14 Sen. Connell

01:52:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

01:53:07 Sen. Buttrey assumed the role of Chair.

01:53:12 Recess
02:09:00 Reconvened
Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258

02:09:20 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 258 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(bus41a04)

02:09:55 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 258 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:10:25 Jamison Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:10:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:10:57 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:11:05 Sen. Facey
02:11:15 Sen. Connell

02:11:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 310

02:11:49 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 310 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:12:09 Sen. Whitford
02:14:28 Sen. Facey
02:15:06 Sen. Brown

02:16:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

02:17:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 310 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Whitford voting no.

02:17:45 Sen. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 346

02:18:49 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 346 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(bus41a05)

02:19:05 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 346 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:19:48 Sen. Brown
02:19:53 Sen. Arntzen

02:21:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:21:28 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 346 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:21:39 Sen. Brown
02:22:26 Sen. Smith
02:22:48 Sen. Facey
02:23:16 Sen. Arntzen

02:23:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Whitford voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 347

02:24:43 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 347 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:25:01 Sen. Facey
02:25:12 Chairman Buttrey

02:25:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 306

02:25:52 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 306 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:26:47 Sen. Arntzen
02:26:57 Sen. Brown
02:27:13 Sen. Arntzen
02:27:19 Sen Facey
02:27:55 Sen. Connell

02:28:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 351

02:28:38 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 351 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:28:50 Chairman Buttrey
02:28:56 Sen. Facey
02:29:31 Sen. Arntzen
02:30:42 Sen. Whitford
02:32:01 Sen. Smith
02:32:41 Sen. Vuckovich
02:34:35 Sen. Arntzen

02:35:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 381

02:35:50 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 381 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:36:07 Sen Facey

02:38:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

02:38:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey made a substitute motion that **SB 381 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:39:13 Sen. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 254

02:39:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 254 DO PASS.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vance voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 162

02:41:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 162 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Connell and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting no.

Discussion:

02:43:13 Sen. Brown
02:43:59 Sen. Facey
02:44:53 Chairman Buttrey
02:46:11 Sen. Facey

02:46:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 162 DO PASS**. Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Facey, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vance voting aye. Bill will be placed back on the table.

02:47:52 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:47 PM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus41aad.pdf](#))